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RESPONSE

Responsive to the Official Action dated July 19, 2004, the applicants elect the subject matter of the Examiner's Group I for further prosecution in the above.

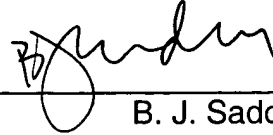
An early and favorable Action on the merits is requested along with initialed copies of the PTO-1449 Forms filed with the Information Disclosure Statements on March 29, 2002 and December 17, 2001.

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